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[54] INFORMATION DELIVERY SYSTEM AND METHOD INCLUDING RESTRICTION PROCESSING

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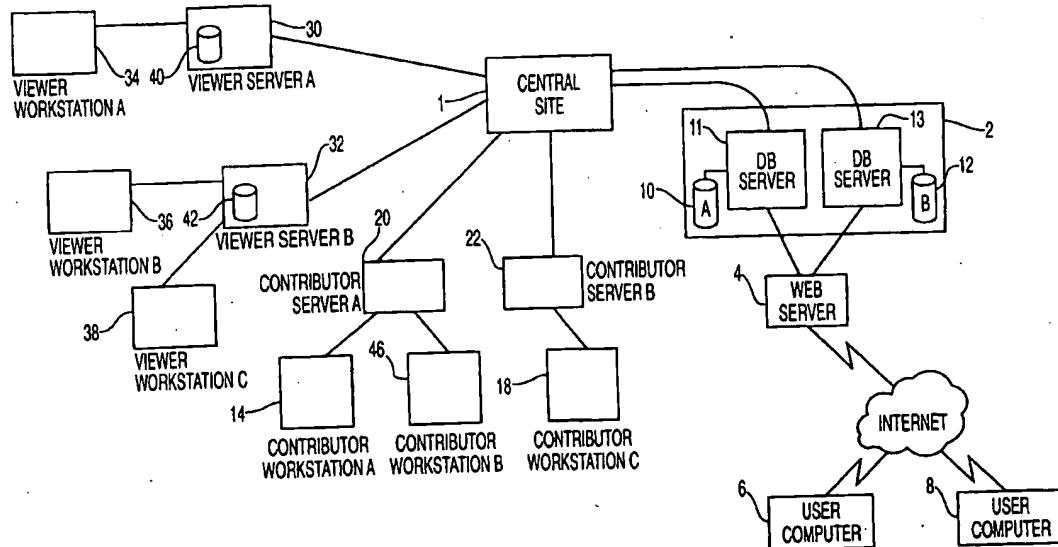
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[57] ABSTRACT

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TITLE: Information delivery system and method including restriction processing

Detailed Description Text (118):

Once a template file is opened, the characters in it are passed directly through to standard output (the normal CGI output channel), until an RAL element is encountered. In that case, the RAL element is processed according to the rules set forth below, and the output from the RAL element is also sent to standard output, inserted into the stream of characters in the template.

Detailed Description Paragraph Table (20):

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/* Initialize variables */
ARestriction.RestrictionStatus=No Restriction //Restriction Status
ARestriction.RestrictionTimeDate=Nodate //Restriction time date
ARestriction.RestrictionTicker="" //Ticker that caused restriction
ARestriction.ReviewStatus=No Restriction //Review Status
ARestriction.Review/TimeDate=Nodate //Review Time Date //Ticker that caused
review //Get the first ticker in the ticker list CurrentTicker = Nextticker
(tickers) /*Keep more restrictive and review status */ /*do until all ticker
symbols are processed */ Do While (CurrentTicker exists) //Get the restriction
status associated with the current ticker CurrentRestriction = GetRestrictedStatus
(CurrentTicker) //This tickers restriction controls if the restriction exists and
the date is after the //current restriction date if
(CurrentRestriction.RestrictionStatus = "Restriction") then if
(CurrentRestriction.RestrictionTimeDate> ARestriction.RestrictionTimeDate)then
ARestriction.RestrictionTimeDate = Current Restriction. Restriction TimeDate
ARestriction.RestrictionStatus = CurrentRestriction.RestrictionStatus
ARestriction.RestrictionTicker=CurrentTicker endif endif //This tickers review
controls if the review status exists and the date is after the //current review
date (review or extended review) if (CurrentRestriction.RestrictionStatus =
"Review" OR CurrentRestriction.RestrictionStatus = "Extended Review")then If
(CurrentRestriction.ReviewTimeDate>AReview. ReviewTimeDate) then
ARestriction.ReviewTimeDate = CurrentRestriction.ReviewTimeDate
ARestriction.ReviewStatus = CurrentRestriction.ReviewStatus
ARestriction.ReviewTicker = CurrentTicker endif endif CurrentTicker=NextTicker
(tickers) enddo
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